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Elba City Council approves moving forward with "Safe Routes To Schools" grant application

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved a board appointment and two grant applications at their regular meeting on November 24th. Dwight Kelley was named to a position on the Elba Housing Authority, replacing Jerry McMillan who resigned after a number of years on the board. The Council passed a resolution agreeing to participate in

the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, applying for a \$50,000 grant to continue work on Elba Tiger Town Park. The grant will be used for the building of restrooms and a pavilion at the park, which is located on the site of the old Elba High School.

Mayor James Grimes explained to council members that work by city employees, installing plumbing and electrical connections, could be

counted as "in kind" contributions and reduce any necessary cash funds from the City of Elba for this project.

The Council also approved a motion to move forward with a grant application through the Department of Transportation for "Safe Routes To Schools." This will aid with the construction of safety improvements along Taylor Mill Road.

The project will include Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Improvements and a traffic signal at the intersection of Taylor Mill Road and the Elba school entrance/exit road. Grimes explained the matching funds for this project would come from the gasoline tax account, which can only be used for road building and repair work.

Several council members questioned the wisdom of spending funds on new projects while city funds were short, school needing funds, etc. Grimes explained that these projects had been in the works for some time and very little, if any, cash from the city treasury would be necessary.

Mayor Grimes reported that City Hall officials had been contacted about local projects, which could be underway within 90 days of approval if the new administration in Washington approved a proposed massive public works program.

The mayor said two much needed projects were submitted. The new water well, costing an estimated \$800,000, being considered by the Water and Electric Board and a half million dollar street resurfacing project for Elba streets were both submitted. Grimes assured council members either or both of these projects could be ready to go within the time limits set.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported that business within the police department had been very routine.

"Christmas in Elba" events set for Thursday, Dec. 4th

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Christmas holiday season officially begins this week in Elba when two organizations combine their events to celebrate "Christmas in Elba" on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Just Folk Coffeehouse, located on the square in downtown Elba, will be the site of a holiday crafts bazaar beginning at 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

According to Charlotte Goodson, Covenant Community Church administrative assistant, the coffeehouse is a place that gives the community somewhere to meet, greet and do things on the square. Since the Chamber's Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash sort of took the place of the Christmas Festival, she said the crafts bazaar allows there to still be a festival-type event on the square for the holiday. Its complexion has just changed a bit.

Goodson said the coffeehouse advisory committee, which includes several members of the Elba community, planned the event. While the overall intent is to bring the community together, she said the event also allows the coffeehouse to raise a bit of money

to do more work on the building. There are so many possibilities for that building," Goodson said. "And, we can't say enough about the encouragement we've received from the community."

For Thursday's crafts bazaar, Goodson said vendors were invited to buy a space inside the coffeehouse to highlight and sell their merchandise. She said the majority of the vendors are local people and will include: Betty Carlisle Embroidery, Jennie Clark "Fruvolous" Christmas Ornaments, Elba Chamber of Commerce Christmas Ornaments, Aimee Golden Handcrafted Jewelry and Handpainted Clothing, L&L Pottery (Lee Boyd and Lucia Grantham), Alberto Herrera Miniatures and Christmas Décor, Bonnie Holland Edibles and Cookbooks, Betty Hudson Paintings, Ralph Sharpless Woodturning, Leigh Tatum "Snow Folks", Carol Windham Paintings and Clara Wright Embroidery.

At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, the Elba Chamber of Commerce

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During meeting held Monday, Dec. 1st New Brockton Town Council honors Gamecocks football team and coaches

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton High School Gamecocks football team received special recognition Monday evening, Dec. 1, during the New Brockton Town Council meeting.

Council members adopted a resolution recognizing the team and coaches for the successful season they had on the gridiron. Each member of the team, as well as, each coach was presented a copy of the resolution by New Brockton Mayor Lenwood Herron.

"You can't love your hometown without loving your schools," Herron said. "If we don't promote and support our students, who will?"

The mayor told those in attendance that the resolution was not much, but it was the town's way of showing them how much their effort during the football season was appreciated. He said the team made tremendous strides in turning

the program around for the 2008 football season, and the people of New Brockton are proud of the way they performed.

As he read the resolution aloud, the mayor commented that it was a "substantially improved team with a winning season and a berth in the 2A state playoffs."

Following the presentation, Gamecocks head coach Jim Bob Striplin said each week the team talked about representing the town of New Brockton.

"Your support is something that's going to make the players want to get after it even more next year," Striplin said.

He added that the resolution was even more special for the graduating seniors, and that even he was going to be sure to add it to his memorabilia.

Each council member added his/her congratulations to the team and coaches on the successful season saying they were very proud of the team's accomplishments.



New Brockton Mayor Lenwood Herron (left) presents the Gamecocks head football coach Jim Bob Striplin (right) with his copy of a resolution passed Monday evening by the town council recognizing the football team for a successful season.

Mayor Herron reminded

everyone in attendance for Monday evening's council meeting that the annual New Brockton Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, beginning at 4 p.m.

Barbara Herron, parade organizer, said as of Monday that approximately 30 units have signed up for the parade. She added that others certainly are welcome to enter before Saturday's event.

Herron also mentioned a few afternoon activities that will include an open house for a couple of downtown businesses, pictures with Santa and a singing. She encouraged everyone to come out and participate in this annual holiday event.



Several players and coaches from New Brockton High School's football team attended Monday evening's town council meeting. The team received special recognition during the meeting.



THE DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK PROJECT in Elba now has some "bright spots" to see. Three sides of the square have newly installed lamp-post style lights installed and operating. The lamps give off a bright light each and every night around downtown Elba and add to the beauty of the historic square. The same type lights will be installed on the fourth side of the square once work is able to resume there. The scene above is from the Court Street side of the square.

Sponsored by Altrusa International of Jack, Ala. "Breakfast with Santa" set for Saturday morning

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Altrusa International of Jack, Ala., a civic organization from the Zion Chapel community, continues its community involvement this weekend by sponsoring an event that has become a holiday tradition.

The members of Altrusa of Jack will sponsor "Breakfast with Santa" this Saturday, Dec. 6, in the activities building of Hebron Baptist Church. The event will be from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

"This will be the third year we've sponsored 'Breakfast with Santa' for children," said Altrusa member Britley Parker. "While it is geared towards

children, the event is fun and enjoyable for all ages."

"Breakfast with Santa" is a fund raising event for Altrusa as the club members will use proceeds raised to help fund another community project. Therefore, there is a small charge to participate.

The price of admission for children will allow them to eat breakfast and participate in the games and activities. Adults also can pay to eat breakfast during the event. Breakfast will include sausage and pancakes.

According to Parker, the money raised from "Breakfast with Santa" will help Altrusa sponsor children at Christmas. In the past, she said the club has been able to sponsor 10-12 less fortunate children from the community during the holidays.

Activities and games will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Reindeer Food Station, Tattlers, Cookie Decorating Shop, Snowman Bean Bag Toss, Letters to Santa, Santa's Workshop (participants will make ornaments), Gingerbread Jewelry and Pin-the-Nose on Rudolph.

Also during the event, Parker said children will be able to

have their photo made with Santa. The photo will be professional made and packages will be available for purchase.

"We certainly have appreciated the community's support the past two years for this event, and we look forward to hopefully yet another successful day on Saturday," Parker said. "But, most importantly, we hope the children enjoy their visit with Santa and the holiday games."

Tickets for "Breakfast with Santa" can be purchased in advance from Head 2 Toe Salon or can be purchased at the door on Saturday. For more information regarding this event, contact the "Breakfast with Santa" committee members: Anna Miller (897-8439), Britley Parker (897-5143 or 897-1055) or Bethany White (897-8992).

REMINDER

Chapter Two of "Feels Like Christmas" written by Linda Hodge can be found on Page 7 of today's newspaper.

Area Happenings

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE will be Thursday, Dec. 4, (TODAY) at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the parade, the Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Pictures with Santa" at Just Folk Coffeehouse, located on the square in downtown Elba. For more information, call the chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

A BENEFIT CONCERT TO ASSIST THE ZION CHAPEL BAND fund the upcoming trip to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La., will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. Shane Owens, as well as the Zion Chapel Band, will perform.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED: The annual Coffee County Salvation Army holiday fund drive will resume in the Elba area Friday, Dec. 5. The "bell ringing" campaign will continue each Friday and Saturday through Saturday, Dec. 20. To volunteer to be a bell ringer in Elba, call Barbara Turner at 897-5202 or Kristy Hickman at 897-2090.

THE NEW BROCKTON CHRISTMAS PARADE will be Saturday, Dec. 6, at 4 p.m.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF ALL SENIORS AT ELBA HIGH SCHOOL are urged to attend a financial aid meeting Monday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m., in the EHS auditorium. During this meeting, parents will have the opportunity to gather information pertaining to financial aid for college.

THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL AND ELBA ELEMENTARY BANDS will perform their annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, Dec. 9, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Now is the time for parents and grandparents to set up a college payment plan for those young children in the family. The spiraling cost of a college education will only get worse if recent history is any guideline. This must be done by December 31st or wait another year. The sooner a family begins to put aside the money, the less the impact will be on the family budget. Alabama has two options for this type savings: The Alabama Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) program and the Alabama Higher Education 529 Fund. Both are managed by the Alabama State Treasurer's Office. One (PACT) guarantees the basic education expenses will be paid, regardless of what the stock market does or how high expenses rise during the years between the program sign up and actual college enrollment. This plan costs a fixed amount, which can be paid in regular monthly payments. The second is more flexible, in both payment into and usage at college, but carries no guarantee of total amount. It can even be used for graduate school. Parents and/or grandparents may contribute any amount, or varying amounts to this tax free fund. Both are free from income tax and both are transferable (or refundable) if the original designated child doesn't use them. For additional information someone may call (800) 252-7228 (PACT) or (866) 530-2228 (Alabama Higher Education 529 Fund) or log onto the internet at <www.treasury.alabama.gov>. We strongly recommend parents and grandparents look into these great options for college expenses.

Last week a relatively small group of "rogues" launched a deadly attack on multiple civilian sites in Mumbai, India. By now things have settled down to clean up and trying to figure out "who did it" and how it was done. The killings seemed to be non-selective with much evidence indicating people were gunned down "just because they happened to be there". Before anyone starts admiring the "smart" guys who planned this brutal attack, coming in by boat from the sea, they need to remember this was first done about 10 years ago by the Vikings who for years raided, robbed and raped in seacoast towns, then moved upriver to riverfront towns and continued their rampages. Condemnation of the attacks have come from around the globe, including the U.S. which has heard descriptions comparing the killings to our own 9-11. British officials described last week's attacks as "callous, inhuman and indiscriminate attack on people of all races". A prominent Muslim organization in the U.S. spoke out this week against the violence saying they join with other Muslim, interfaith, peace, human rights and justice organizations throughout the international community in condemning such vile acts. We agree with all the above.

We got a notice from one of our credit card companies last week. It was not notice of a reduction of credit nor a cancellation. It was, however one of those old "zero percent interest" sales pitches for transferred balances. This was a surprise, judging by all the hype about hard to get credit so we started looking for the catch. It didn't take long to find what we considered a major one. If a monthly payment is one day late getting to their office, the zero interest instantly jumps to over 19% on all the outstanding balance of our account! That is quite a jump from zero interest but probably very profitable business for the credit card companies.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 24, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one burglary, two for criminal trespassing, one assault, two for domestic dispute and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for failure to display insurance, four for no insurance, four for speeding, one for no child restraint, one for not wearing a seat belt and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 6674 County Rd. 306 (9:22 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1066 E. Davis St. (1:16 p.m.); Burglary reported on Newton St. (2:46 p.m.); Elba Fire Department requested on County Rd. 248 as mutual aid for New Brockton (6:30 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2269 County Rd. 316 (8:19 a.m.); Possible fight reported at 910 Guyton St. (5:17 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported at 715 Putnam St. (5:51 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (6:36 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 553 E. Davis St. (8:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2111

County Rd. 306 (4:31 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21120 Hwy. 87 N. (7:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 21120 Hwy. 87 N. (10:13 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 189 S. and County Rd. 437 (12:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 735 County Rd. 353 (6:53 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 167 (5:20 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the area of Jones and Jackson (7:53 p.m.); Disturbance reported in the area of Jones and Jackson (8:31 p.m.); Possible domestic disturbance reported on Simmons St. (10:32 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Domestic disturbance reported at Regency Apts. (5:50 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Regency Apts. (5:54 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 5955 County Rd. 114 (1:13 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 1229 Martin Luther King Dr. (8:23 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - Cutting reported at 1241 Farris Ave. (12:02 a.m.); Wreck reported on the 203 By-pass (10:22 a.m.); Burglary (vehicle) reported at 1216 Jones Circle (11:21 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1172 County Rd. 201 (11:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1379 N. Claxton

County Rd. 306 (4:31 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21120 Hwy. 87 N. (7:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 21120 Hwy. 87 N. (10:13 p.m.).

Regulatory Reform: A Multi-layered Approach

Editorial by Joseph P. Borg - Alabama Securities Commission

The chilling effects of the global financial crisis exposed how flaws in the current regulatory system leave investors out in the cold. Congress and the administration must weave together multiple layers of protection for investors, markets and the economy as a whole. A multi-layered approach should include federal regulators, state regulators and self-regulatory organizations. The Alabama Securities Commission believes an improved system of financial services regulation must be collaborative, efficient, comprehensive and strong.

Throughout the United States, state securities regulators have a long history of providing national leadership on issues of real concern to Main Street investors. The unique expertise of state securities regulators on the front lines of investor protection provide the framework of the following five core principles for regulatory reform.

First, the new approach to financial services regulation must be collaborative and strong. Second, the new approach must take advantage of opportunities to streamline this regulatory system. Better interagency communication is the key to greater efficiency. To facilitate communication, the President's Working Group on Financial Markets should be expanded to include representatives from the banking, insurance

and securities. Existing federal and state agencies also need better monitoring practices to detect risk in financial markets, share their findings with one another and develop coordinated responses.

Third, the new approach must guarantee that no markets escape regulation. Gaps in the current regulatory system have allowed an enormous amount of capital to be traded on opaque financial markets, free from licensing, oversight and enforcement. Closing these regulatory gaps would ensure greater transparency for all financial markets, products and participants.

Fourth, the new approach must demand higher standards of conduct in all financial services. In the area of securities regulation, authorities should impose the fiduciary duty on all securities professionals who dispense investment advice, including broker-dealers. Every sector must be held to more stringent accounting standards and capital requirements to ensure transparency and solvency.

Finally, the new approach must toughen punishments for those who violate securities laws. Lawmakers should increase the enforcement budgets for state and federal regulators to fund aggressive investigations into those who abuse the consumer's trust. Consumers must also be assured the right to seek private action against sellers of fraudulent financial products.

State securities regulators also must continue to provide a valuable layer of protection that - in conjunction with their federal counterparts and industry self-regulators - insulates the investing public, the markets and the overall economy from subsequent financial freezes.

Following the Christmas Parade, the crafts bazaar will continue at Just Folk Coffeehouse, and a special guest will make an appearance. The jolly man himself will be at the coffeehouse for "pictures with Santa." This event also will be sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Whitworth said the photos will be professionally made and will be available for purchase.

"We've also encouraged merchants to stay open late on Thursday to allow folks to get some Christmas shopping done," said Whitworth. "Overall, it should be a fun and enjoyable event. I hope everyone makes plans to come out and participate as Christmas arrives in Elba!"

There is no admission charge to attend the crafts bazaar. Everyone is invited to attend.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2008 Coffee County Farm-City awards presented to recipients



CARL SANDERS FARM was named the 2008 Farm of Distinction by the Coffee County Farm-City Committee. Presenting the award to members of the Sanders family were Steve Wyrosdick (left) and Steven Bozeman (right). Family members shown above include (center from left): Jonathan, Carl and Donna Sanders.

Three separate awards given for Spirit of Coffee County



SENATOR JIMMY HOLLEY (second from left) was one of three recipients of this year's Spirit of Coffee County award during the 2008 Coffee County Farm-City banquet. Those pictured above with Holley include: James Aplin, Coffee County Farm-City committee; Phil Thomas, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; and Eddie Vaughan, Elba Chamber of Commerce.



REPRESENTATIVE TERRY SPICER (third from left) was one of three recipients of this year's Spirit of Coffee County award during the 2008 Coffee County Farm-City banquet. Those pictured above with Spicer include: his wife Ceina Spicer; James Aplin, Coffee County Farm-City committee; Phil Thomas, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; and Eddie Vaughan, Elba Chamber of Commerce.



THE ENTERPRISE COFFEE GENEVA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION was one of three recipients of this year's Spirit of Coffee County award during the 2008 Coffee County Farm-City banquet. Those pictured above include: Phil Thomas, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; Dale Townsend, chairman of the board for ECGEDC; Frank Thompson, executive director of ECGEDC; Neal Brown, secretary of ECGEDC; and Eddie Vaughan, Elba Chamber of Commerce.

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Carl Sanders Farm recognized as 2008 Farm of Distinction

During the 2008 Coffee County Farm-City Banquet held Thursday evening, Nov. 20, the Carl Sanders Farm was recognized as this year's Farm of Distinction.

The farm is located in the Roeton community in northeast Coffee County, and consists of about 1,000 acres of row crops and 400 acres of pasture and timber. Crops include peanuts, corn, cotton, wheat and oats. The farm also has about 100 cows and their calves.

According to Sanders, all crops are planted strip-tilled and all pastures are rotationally grazed. Soil conservation practices such as contour farming and grass waterways are used on all fields.

Protecting the farm for future generations is always important, according to Sanders. "Farming is a business, but it is also a lifestyle," Sanders said. "It takes a lifelong commitment to succeed on a farm. Times have been both good and bad on the Sanders Farm. The good times are always fun, and the bad times make you stronger if you can survive."

The Sanders family consists of Carl and his wife of 34 years, Donna. They have four daughters, Jennifer and her husband Aaron Wells, Melissa and her husband Bryan DeLoney, Sarah and her husband Jonathan Markham and Lindsey, and two sons, Philip and Jonathan. The Sanders family have one grandson, John Thomas Wells, and are expecting a granddaughter, Isabelle Kate DeLoney, in December.

Carl grew up on the family farm in Roeton. He began farming full-time in 1976 upon graduation from Auburn University with a degree in agricultural science. He began farming with his dad and brother but currently operates as a sole proprietorship.

While no one knows what the future holds, Sanders said he would like to continue farming until retirement. His son Jonathan, a senior in high school, currently works on the farm when time permits. He assumes an active role in all aspects of the farm including planting, spraying and harvesting.

When asked how many generations of his family had been farmers, Carl answered, "all of them." He hopes someone in the family can continue the tradition.

2008 Farm-City Banquet includes special recognition awards



Pioneer Award - Presented to the family of James Bowden

H.J. "Tony" Harrell was recognized this year as a pioneer for the poultry industry in Coffee County. Harrell Milling Company was built in 1947. In 1954, the mill burned and he built the first chicken houses on County Road 606. He hand fed the chickens and then began to build chicken houses to supplement his farm income. From this he built Elba Processing Plant and Poultry Company in 1968 and sold it to ConAgra in 1972. Harrell was instrumental in building Southland Poultry which was later sold to Wayne Farms. He was inducted in the Alabama Poultry Hall of Fame in 1975.



Pioneer for the Poultry Industry - H.J. "Tony" Harrell



2007 Alabama Young and Adult Farm Family of the Year
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NRCS announces continuous WHIP sign-up

State Conservationist Gary Kobylski has announced a continuous sign-up for the Fiscal Year 2009 Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).

Land eligible for WHIP includes: Private agricultural land, non-industrial private forest land, and Tribal land. "Even though program rules are still being developed in Washington, we are

urging local farmers and ranchers to apply as early as possible. By accepting WHIP applications now we can develop conservation plans and be well positioned to provide contracts to producers when the rules are disseminated," said Kobylski.

The WHIP program, administered by NRCS, provides both technical and financial assistance to individuals interested in establishing and improving wildlife habitat on private land. NRCS will work with participants to develop a wildlife habitat development plan which becomes the basis of the

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2008 Coffee County Farm-City awards presented to recipients



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...The business of the year award was presented to Popfoks County Style Family Restaurant. Popfoks opened in February 1996 and currently has approximately 50 people on the payroll including many high school students. The award was presented to Ron Jones (center) by James Aplin, chairman of the Coffee County Farm-City committee (left) and Phil Thomas, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce (right).



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION...One of two livestock awards was presented to Gilmer Grant (shown above holding award). Gilmer and his son, Darren, run the cattle operation working 85 cows and five bulls. The cows are managed on 405 acres of pastureland and 425 acres of timberland. The award was presented by James Aplin, chairman of the Coffee County Farm-City committee and Steven Bozeman, president of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association. Also pictured is Shirley Grant.



LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION...One of two livestock awards was presented to Marler Farms. Carol Marler (shown above holding award). Also pictured are Marler family members: Ethel Marler, Carolyn Moates, Pat Moates, Tom Moates, Elizabeth Marler and Charlie Marler. Since 1955 Marler Farms has grown from a two cow operation producing enough milk for a family of six to 125 Brood cow, five herd bull, 80 replacement heifer and 50-75 market cattle operation annually. The award was presented by James Aplin, chairman of the Coffee County Farm-City committee and Steven Bozeman, president of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association.



WAYNE FARMS AWARDS...One of three awards from Wayne Farms went to KDK Farms Inc. David Rowe, Rowe is a pullet grower for Wayne Farms. He and his wife, Katherine, accepted the award from representatives of Wayne Farms.



WAYNE FARMS AWARDS...Farris Farms accepted one of three awards from Wayne Farms. In 2005 the row crop/cattle operation became a poultry/cattle operation with the construction of two breeder houses. In 2007, Farris Farms expanded the poultry operation to four breeder houses. Phil and Susie Farris accepted the award from representatives of Wayne Farms.



WAYNE FARMS AWARDS...One of three awards from Wayne Farms went to the Benne Joe and Nancy Dunaway Family Farm. The farm's four poultry houses were built in the fall and winter of 1978. Through the years, there have been numerous modifications and upgrades. Benne Joe and Nancy Dunaway (right) accepted the award from representatives of Wayne Farms.



SERVICE AWARD...Coffee County Baptist Association was selected as the recipient of the 2008 Service Award. The organization connects 50 churches for fellowship, training and missions endeavors. The work of the association involves almost anything connected with the churches and their mission or their ministry to the community. Coffee Association is also the connecting link for work done in Coffee County by other associations or the state convention. Dr. John Granger, center, accepted the award. It was presented by Phil Thomas, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, and Eddie Vaughan, Elba Chamber of Commerce.



PEANUT AWARD...Carl Sanders (far right) presented the 2008 Peanut Award to Bryan Shaeffer, center with his wife Cindy and son Garrett. Pictured to the left are members of the Harrell family of Harrell Farms in which Shaeffer now manages much of the farming operation. Harrell Farms consists of 120-150 acres of peanuts, 170-250 acres of corn, 50 acres of hay and three broiler houses. The Shaeffer part of the operation consists of 20-40 acres of peanuts, 90-100 acres of corn and does some custom harvesting.



PILGRIMS PRIDE AWARD...The Pilgrim's Pride Broiler Grower of the Year award was presented to Lotfin and Linda Martin (right). Lotfin first became active in the poultry industry in 1976 when he decided to raise pullets. In 1995 after Hurricane Opal destroyed one of the houses, the decision was made to convert to broilers.



COTTON AWARD...Hillingham Farms was selected as the Cotton Producer of the Year. The farm is owned by Troy and Ted Hillingham (shown above with family members). They raise 500 acres of cotton, 280 acres of peanuts and 200 acres of corn. The farm also has 60 head of brood cows. The cotton is averaging 750 to 1,000 pounds per acre.

Feels Like Christmas
by Linda M. Hodge

Chapter Two

"Several days had passed since Amanda's shopping trip with Grammie. She had not spoken with her since that day but had certainly been thinking about her."

While visiting her parents one evening, Amanda mentioned the conversation she had had with Grammie, but they didn't seem too concerned by it as they simply dismissed Grammie's mood as nothing more than an elderly woman not understanding the ways of the world today.

"Mother just doesn't get how fast the world is moving these days," Amanda's dad said. "The older she gets the harder it is for her to keep pace."

"Dad's right, sweetie," her mom added. "Grammie was probably tired the other day and just got caught up in the moment. Don't let it bother you. I'm sure she's over it by now."

"You're probably right. I guess I just worry about her sometimes."

"That's because you're a good kid," her dad insisted. "Mom gets caught up in all the holiday hoopla and doesn't understand why everyone else isn't the same. She just can't help herself. Never mind that we've all got a million other things going on."

Amanda tried to convince herself that her parents were right, but something kept telling her that Grammie had more than "holiday hoopla" on her mind. She decided she would try to figure it out today when she made her weekly visit to Grammie's.

"Grammie!" Amanda called out as she opened the front door of her grandmother's house. "Where are you?"

She walked inside and shut the door behind her. Usually, Grammie would have yelled from the kitchen, but today there was no answer.

"That's weird," Amanda said to herself as she paused in the hallway unsure of which way to go next. She again called for her grandmother. "Grammie!"

This time Amanda heard a faint call from the back of the house, and she immediately made her way to the back bedroom.

"Hey, Grammie. What's going on?"

"Hello, dear. I was just going through some old stuff around here. Help me bring these boxes to the living room."

As they carried the boxes to the other room, Amanda wondered what was inside them.

"What's all this stuff?" she finally decided to ask.

"Oh, it's just memories."

"Memories?"

"Grammie's been feeling a little nostalgic lately, wishing we'd all take more time to remember the good times we've shared at Christmas. It just doesn't seem like anybody's heartfelt anymore. Christmas can be such a magical time, but somewhere along the way, we've forgotten that."

As Amanda listened to Grammie, she couldn't help but notice the sadness in her voice. Regardless of what anyone thought, Grammie wasn't caught up in the holiday hoopla. She was upset. Amanda wondered if there was anything she could do to help.

"What can I do, Grammie? I don't want you to be sad."

"My sweet, sweet child. Don't worry about Grammie. I'm just having a hard time believing that times have changed so much that we can't enjoy Christmas anymore."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, contrary to your dad's belief, Grammie isn't so old that she can't understand this fast-paced world we live in."

Amanda couldn't help but chuckle to herself as Grammie mentioned her dad. He was always making remarks like that, and apparently, Grammie was well aware of it.

"I know everyone's busy," Grammie continued. "But, I also know that if everyone would stop complaining about Christmas for five minutes and take time to stop and think about all the good times we shared...well...then we all might start enjoying Christmas again."

Next Week: Chapter Three

Grammie shares memories with Amanda

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Congratulations to all the award winners recognized during the Coffee County Farm-City Banquet!



CONSERVATION AWARD...Billy Egerton (second from left) was named the 2008 Outstanding Conservation Farmer in Coffee County. He received the recognition because of his dedication to using soil and water resources wisely, thereby ensuring that land and water resources are passed on in excellent condition, and for using land in a way that pays water quality benefits for all.



FORESTRY AWARD...Jim Ellis (second from left) received the 2008 Forestry Award. The Ellis tree farm consists of 300 acres of timberland that is a showplace of good stewardship and multiple use forest management. This property consists of many stands of diverse forest types. The land use is divided between planted, loblolly pines, natural loblolly pines, mixed pine hardwood and bottomland hardwoods. The property has been certified as a Treas- ure Forest by the Alabama Forestry Planning Committee and as a certified Tree Farm by the American Forestry Foundation.

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ESTATE OF MILDRED WILLIAMS, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT PC08-082

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 13th day of November, 2008, by the Hon. William Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

IN RE: MARRIAGE OF DONNIE QUALS Personal Representative

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CANNON, VAUGHAN, & PRESCOTT ATTORNEYS 415 West Davis Street P.O. Box 647 Elba, Alabama 36323 Attorneys for Kimberly Lou Roberts

IN RE: MARRIAGE OF KIMBERLY LOU ROBERTS,

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Standing from left to right: Randy Martin, Wiregrass RC&D Coordinator, Mike Newman, Wiregrass RC&D Council Member, Rep. Terry Spicer and Senator Jimmy Holley

Funds presented to help forest landowners be better informed on new projects

Mike Newman accepts a check from Rep. Terry Spicer and Sen. Jimmy Holley for a project to inform Coffee County and surrounding county forest landowners of the latest research development relating to the conversion of biomass to fuel. Sponsoring the meeting were the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee.

The grant for this meeting was made available by the Wiregrass Resource and Conservation Development Council.

LBWCC offers basic computer and electrical wiring classes on the Opp campus in early 2009

Basic Electrical Wiring Offered at LBWCC - MacArthur Campus

LBW Community College will offer a course in **Basic Electrical Wiring** January 27 - February 26, 2009. The course will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Industrial Electronics Department on the MacArthur Campus in Opp. This is a non-credit course offered by the Adult Education and Workforce Development Division. The introductory course is designed to provide students with fundamental information about electricity, electrical safety, and basic electrical circuits. Topics to be covered in the 20 contact hour course include: electrical safety, basic electrical theory, residential electrical service, basic lighting and switching circuits, and basic convenience outlet circuits.

The cost of the course is \$90.00 per person. Advance registration is requested. For more information or to register, contact Cindy Green on the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-5344 or cgreen@lbwcc.edu.

Basic Computer Course Offered at LBWCC - MacArthur Campus

LBW Community College-MacArthur Campus in Opp, AL will offer a **Basic Computer Course** each Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for seven weeks. Classes will be held in Room G-6. The class begins on February 3, 2009 and ends on March 17, 2009.

This **Basic Computer Course** is a beginner course that introduces users to the world of computing and computer applications. This hands-on course provides training on the VISTA operating system and Microsoft Office 2007. The course will discuss file management, maintaining data, Microsoft Word and the Internet.

The cost of the course is \$85.00 per participant. Students are not required to purchase a book. Handout material is provided. Anyone interested should register by Friday, January 30th in the Student Services Office on the MacArthur Campus. For more information or to register, contact Cindy Green at (334) 493-5344 or cgreen@lbwcc.edu.

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Alabama consumers cautioned about lottery and sweepstakes scams

Attorney General Troy King and Alabama Securities Commission Director Joseph Borg have issued a consumer alert to raise awareness about potential "International Lotteries and Sweepstakes Scams" being conducted over the internet, by mail and telephone. This consumer alert was generated due to a recent increase of inquiries from citizens in Alabama concerning international lotteries and sweepstakes notifications.

The Identity Theft Lottery or Sweepstakes Scam: The criminal contacts consumers usually by email to congratulate them on winning an international lottery or a sweepstakes conducted by a major corporation. The winner is encouraged to contact a claims agent at a provided email address. Next the claim agent may send a form to verify victim's identity. Sometimes victims are asked to send copies of driver's license or passports for proof of identification and bank account numbers that lottery winnings may be deposited in.

Joseph Borg, Director of the Alabama Securities Commission, says, "Once you have given your identity information to a stranger you are a potential target to have money withdrawn from your accounts or unauthorized expenditures charged to your credit cards."

The thieves that promote these scams are difficult to find. On the internet, they can send out thousands of letters to people all over the world. The scam artists stay on the move and by the time they are caught your money is usually gone!

The Upfront Fee Lottery or Sweepstakes Scam: The criminal contacts the consumer by email or regular US mail to congratulate them on winning a lottery

SPORTS

VIEWS FROM....

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

It is a family tradition at the Mularz house to put up Christmas decorations the weekend after Thanksgiving, and this year it looks like even the cat is getting in the holiday spirit. We pulled out the boxes Saturday morning, dusted off and put out all the Santa ornaments and garland, and then put up a tree in both the den and dining room. We decorated the smaller tree in the dining room and even got up the lights, but after we went to bed heard some noise in the dining room and after checking it out found out the cat was jumping up and knocking off the balls, then playing with them on the floor. I chased him out of the room twice and then gave up, but you can bet when we decorate the big tree in the living room the balls will be higher than usual and the family cat won't disturb my sleep.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers will swing back into action this week after a long holiday break with road trips to Zion Chapel and Kinston. The Tigers will be looking to use their quickness and aggressive style of play to get past their cross-county rivals, while the Lady Tigers will be looking to play an up-tempo game and wear out their opponents in their quest for some early-season wins. The cross-county contests are always fun to watch and this season should be no exception since both the Rebels and Bulldogs have already posted wins and are no doubt looking forward to the visit by the Tigers.

*** The New Brockton fans had plenty to cheer about last week as the Gamecocks won the New Brockton Thanksgiving tournament and the Lady Gamecocks placed second. The Gamecocks rallied from a 19-point second half deficit to pull out an improbable win over Dale County in the finals, while the Lady Gamecocks lead until the closing seconds in a heart-breaking one-point defeat to Dale County. New Brockton appears to have solid teams in both the boys and girls programs and it could be an exciting season ahead.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Lady Rebels took home consolation honors from the New Brockton tourney. The Bulldogs posted a big 30-point win over Zion Chapel and lit it up from behind the three-point line, while the Lady Rebels survived a late Kinston rally to down the Lady Bulldogs for the second time this season. The season is still very early and lots of things can happen, but it looks like the fans in Kinston and Zion Chapel will get the chance to have a little fun in the months to come.

*** While girls' basketball is still in the growing stages at many places across the state, some teams have already developed some powerhouses and if you don't think the girls will run up some big scores just take a look at the newspapers. I checked out the AHSAA website last week and discovered some examples of blowouts as Addison thumped Winston County 79-5, Jefferson Christian spanked Coosa Christian 47-5, Midfield ran wild over Oak Grove 91-13, North Sand Mountain embarrassed Point Rock Valley 80-4 and Sparkman lit up Butler 91-13. There is no doubt in girls basketball things can get a little crazy.

*** The Millsaps Majors were eliminated from the NCAA Division III football playoffs over the weekend, but the loss left the Mississippi team with an 11-1 record and only added to the success of former Alabama coach Mike Dubose. Coach Dubose has led the majors to three straight Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championships in his three years at the helm, with the first title back in '06 being the schools first in 31 years. Millsaps may not play on television every weekend and doesn't even give scholarships, but Coach Dubose has proven once again he is a winning coach and is back to teaching the sport at its truest level.

*** Alabama put an exclamation mark on its 12-0 regular season Saturday with its 36-0 win over Auburn and after just two short seasons made Mal Moore look like a genius in his ability to lure Nick Saban back from the NFL to lead the Tide back to a spot among the college football elite. The 36-point win was the biggest in the series in 46 years and snapped Auburn's six-game winning streak, and at the same time raised some questions on both sides. Is Nick Saban really that good a coach to turn around a 6-6 team and make it a national contender? Is Tommy Tuberville really that disinterested in the Tigers to let them fall from a Top 10 team to 5-7 also-ner? Whatever... I am sure the photo of Coach Tuberville holding up seven fingers as he entered Bryant-Denny Stadium will be one Bama fans will enjoy taking about for months to come.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator e-mailed this week's final high school predictions and after hitting 10 of 12 picks last week moved his season totals to 338-85. The local guesser admitted the season was a long one, but did leave these picks - Class 6A Prattville 24 Hoover 10, Class 5A Vidor 36 Russellville 28, Class 4A UMS-Wright 31 Cherokee County 14, Class 3A Leeds 35 Cordova 21, Class 2A Leroy 33 Sulligent 20, and Class 1A Sweet Water 40 Speake 20.

*** Long time sports official and good friend Gene Calhoun passed away last week after an extended illness. Gene was a true friend to thousands across the state both in and out of the sports world and never met anyone he didn't like or wouldn't go out of the way help. He will be missed!

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To battle Zion Chapel and Kinston

Tigers get ready for cross-county clashes

The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers will return to the court this week after a long layoff during the Thanksgiving holidays and will hit the road for cross-county clashes with the Zion Chapel Rebels and Kinston Bulldogs.

The Tigers carried a 1-1 record into the holiday break after a 90-59 loss to Andalusia and a 53-32 win over Opp, and will be looking to add to their win total against their cross-county rivals. In early-season action the Tigers have been led by the scoring punch of guards Gavin Respress (11.5 per game) and Kendrick Robertson (9 per game) and the inside play of Quenton Caldwell (7.5 per game) and Chance Goosby (7.5 per game).

Zion Chapel snapped a long losing streak early in the season with a win over Poplar Springs, but the Rebels struggled last week in losses to New Brockton and Kinston and will be looking to ambush the Tigers for their second win of the young season. Kinston has posted two wins over Zion Chapel, appears to be

Area prep teams ranked in first ASWA basketball poll of season

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its first high school basketball poll of the season last week and a number of area teams were included among the "Top10" teams in the six classifications.

In the boys division, Eufula was ranked fifth in Class 5A, while Andalusia came in at third in Class 4A, Abbeville was ranked fifth in Class 3A, Bar-

bour County was ranked second in Class 2A and Pleasant Home came in at sixth in Class 1A.

In the girls division, Ashford was ranked fourth and Andalusia tenth in Class 4A, Geneva came in at sixth in Class 3A, Samson was ranked seventh in Class 2A and in Class 1A Pleasant Home was ranked fourth and Providence Christian came in at tenth.

Let's Go...Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Learn to blend with background to bag a big buck this season

I remember hearing a wildlife biologist make the statement that a deer's vision and a human's vision was approximately equal. I'm not qualified to argue with him scientifically, still and blend in with the background. Their limited depth perception often allows a hunter who is standing or sitting perfectly still in front of a good background to go undetected, even when wearing a hunter orange hat.

His statement may be true if they are both looking straight ahead at the same object, but the deer has far superior peripheral vision. A deer's eyes protrude slightly and are set back one the side of the head. This positioning gives the deer a very wide field of view. They can see everywhere without moving their head with the exception of a small area directly behind the head. And even this area can be quickly observed with a slight turn of the head. They can see 360 degrees without moving from their tracks.

Another difference in human vision and a deer's is the ability of the deer to see well in low light conditions. The light cells in a deer's retina are predominately rods. This type of cell is geared to seeing in dim light so well that a deer can see well enough to be active 24 hours a day.

The human eye contains a mixture of rods and cones. Since our eye has more cones than a deer's, we can see color better than a deer. Also our eyes are set close together on the front portion of the skull and are set slightly back into the skull. This arrangement reduces our field of view, but enables both eyes to focus on a distant object at the same time. Because of this we have better depth perception than a deer and can distinguish objects from their background better than a deer can.

Since deer have an advantage of peripheral vision but the disadvantage of limited depth perception, hunters can take advantage of both. Make sure that your stand, whether on the ground or in a tree is not sky lighted. After placing a stand, walk out to where you assume you may see a deer, sit on the ground and look toward your

stand. If you can see sky behind the seat rather than vegetation, it probably needs relocating.

To overcome a deer's peripheral vision (where they detect motion) one must be absolutely still and blend in with the background. Their limited depth perception often allows a hunter who is standing or sitting perfectly still in front of a good background to go undetected, even when wearing a hunter orange hat.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

Elba at Zion Chapel (4:30)
Brantley at Highland Home (4:30)
Straughn at New Brockton (4:30)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

Elba at Kinston (4:30)
Georgiana at Brantley (4:30)
Northview at Enterprise (4:30)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

Pike County at Elba (4:30)
Kinston at New Brockton (4:30)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Straughn at Brantley (4:30)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Elba, in Andalusia Christmas Tourney
Kinston, in Straughn Christmas Tourney
New Brockton, in Straughn Christmas Tourney

Hunting Spotlight



Cheyenne Nelson bagged this 120-pound doe on November 26. Cheyenne is the daughter of Mickey and Cathy Nelson.

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SPORTS



Zion Chapel's Wesley Black (11) drives to the goal in action last week in the Rebels' consolation loss to Kinston. The Rebels will host Elba Thursday night at the Zion Chapel gym beginning at 4:30 PM.

(Mike Capps photo)



New Brockton's Chelsey Holloway (14) dribbles upcourt in action last week at the New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. The Lady Gamecocks placed second in the event after an opening win over Zion Chapel.

(Mike Capps photo)

New Brockton and Dale County roll in opening round of tourney

The New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament tipped off last Monday with both the New Brockton Gamecocks and Lady Gamecocks posting exciting wins to advance to the tourney finals.

Following are highlights of the opening round action:

BOYS:

Dale County 90 Kinston 40 - The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and never recovered as they suffered a lopsided 90-40 loss to the Dale County Warriors. Greg Henderson scored 14 points and Michael Lingo added 13 to lead the Warriors, while Xavier Hightower pulled down 11 rebounds.

New Brockton 65 Zion Chapel 37 - The New Brockton Gamecocks took command late in the half and rolled to a big 65-37 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Shambray Johnson scored 20 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Justin Flowers added 11 points and 12 rebounds. Blake Powell led the Rebels with 15 points.

GIRLS:

New Brockton 29 Zion Chapel 27 - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks scored late to claim an exciting 29-27 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Alex Lee scored 10 points and scored the game-winning basket with 1:29 remaining to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Chelsey Holloway and Whitney Brantley both added 8 points.

Dale County 71 Kinston 27 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs never got anything going in a 71-27 loss to the Dale County Lady Warriors. The Lady Bulldogs battled hard for all four quarters, but saw Dale County go on a 31-1 run in the final stanza to pull away and post the lopsided win.



Kinston's Hunter Anderson (10) dribbles upcourt in action last week at the New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament. The Bulldogs placed third in the annual four-team event.

(Mike Capps photo)

Lady Gamecocks place second

New Brockton rallies to claim title

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Dale County Lady Warriors claimed the championship trophies last Tuesday night in the New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament with exciting wins.

Following are highlights of both championship games:

BOYS:

New Brockton 56 Dale County 54 - The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from a 19-point second half deficit to stun the Dale County Warriors 56-54 to claim the championship of the New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

New Brockton got off to a slow start and trailed 7-2 early in the opening stanza, but rallied midway through the quarter and pulled ahead 9-7 on a long three-pointer by Brandon Farnon. A basket by Shambray Johnson pushed the lead to 11-7, but Dale County regained command and then opened the second quarter with a 16-2 run as the Warriors pulled ahead and went in at the half with a whopping 38-19 lead.

The Gamecocks scored the first six points of the third quarter to pull within 38-25, only to see the Warriors score the game's next six points as Dale County's lead grew back to 19 points at 44-25 midway through the stanza. New Brockton's Brandon Farnon scored six points to spark a 12-0 run as the Gamecocks closed to within 44-37.

Shambray Johnson scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks, while Devon Muhammad added 12 points.

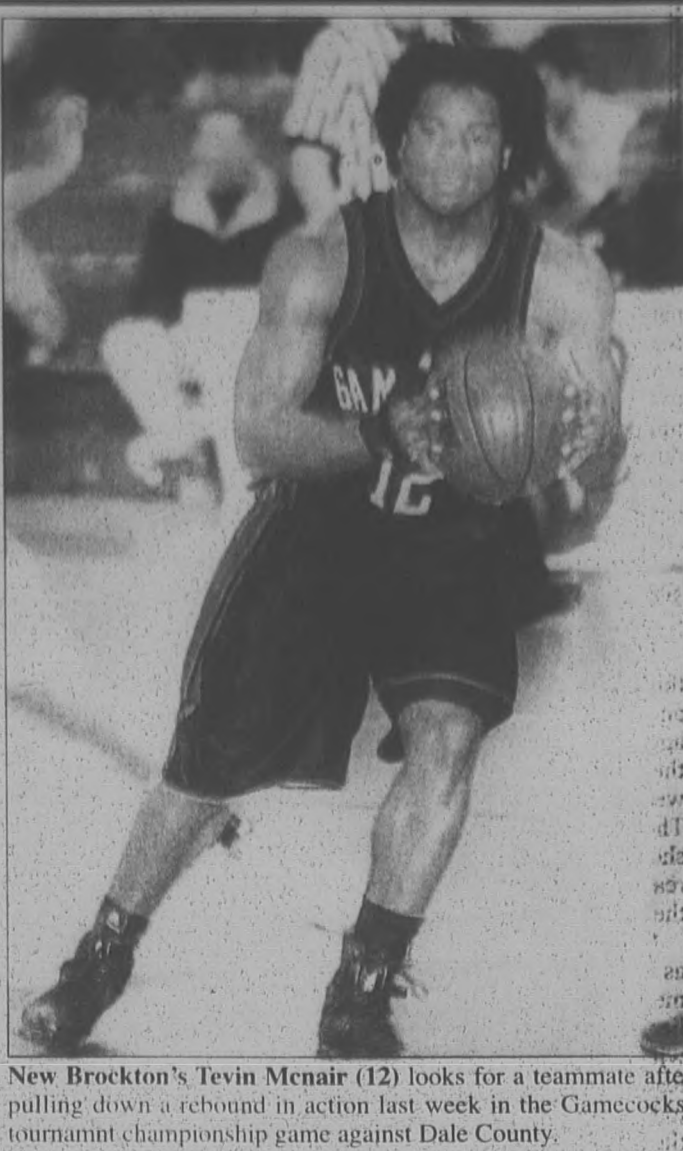
GIRLS:

Dale County 28 New Brockton 27 - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw a last-second shot roll off the rim last Tuesday night as they fell to the Dale County Lady Warriors 28-27 in the finals of the New Brockton Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament.

New Brockton grabbed an early 5-4 lead in the championship contest on a three-pointer by Whitney Brantley and led 7-6 late in the stanza after two free throws by Lisa Howard. The Lady Gamecocks

scored early in the fourth quarter to up the Lady Gamecocks' lead to 18-14 and Jameya Dunn added two free throws as the Lady Gamecocks' lead stood at 22-17 midway through the quarter after a put back by Whitney Brantley, but Dale County staged a rally and caught New Brockton at 26-26 to set the stage for a wild finale. A free throw by Chelsey Holloway put the Lady Gamecocks back on top 27-26. However, Dale County grabbed the lead at 28-27 with 52 seconds left on the clock and neither team scored again as the Lady Gamecocks saw their gallant bid to claim the tourney title fall one point short.

Whitney Brantley scored 13 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead New Brockton, while Chelsey Holloway also scored 7 points. Caitlin Watson led Dale County with 9 points, rebounds and 6 steals.



New Brockton's Tevin McNaire (12) looks for a teammate after pulling down a rebound in action last week in the Gamecocks' tournament championship game against Dale County.

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Billy Graham tells of his visit to the front lines during the Korean War at Christmas. "On Christmas Eve a young Marine lay dying on Heartbreak Ridge. A chaplain climbed up the slope, stooped over the Marine and whispered, 'May I help you son?' No its all right, he answered. Glancing down, the chaplain noticed a New Testament clutched in the Marine's hand, and the reason for the young man's tranquility was found on the page where his finger was inserted: 'My peace I give to you' (John 14:27)."

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SCHOOLS

Focus on Faculty

by Jennifer A. Cook and Courtney M. Rhodes

This week's Focus on the Faculty member is Mr. Brandon Davis. He is a reading teacher for seventh and eighth grade at Zion Chapel.

Mr. Davis' birthday is Nov. 23. He has been teaching for five years. He coaches seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball.

Mr. Davis said his favorite part about teaching is when he connects with the students. He is married to Angie Davis, who teaches high school science. They have three children, Dillon who is 16, Brianna who is 14, and Brodie who is a year old.

Mr. Davis' hobbies include chess, basketball and chess. He graduated from Coffee Springs High School. He attended Troy University.



Brandon Davis

He says his biggest accomplishment is graduating from college.

When asked if he was an Auburn or Alabama fan, he responded, "Roll Tide!"

Mr. Davis loves Zion Chapel and thinks it is a great school!



Concert to benefit ZC band

A benefit concert to assist the Zion Chapel Band fund the upcoming trip to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La., will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

There will be an admission charge for the concert. Shane Owens will perform, as well as the Zion Chapel Band. All proceeds will go to the band to help fund the trip to the Sugar Bowl.

F.C.C.L.A. students attend National Cluster meeting

by Tanner Grant and Nathaniel Cox

On Friday, Nov. 14, at 6 a.m., the Zion Chapel High School F.C.C.L.A. chapter left for a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., to attend a National Cluster meeting.

The Zion Chapel students were accompanied by students from New Brockton and Elba High schools. While they were there, they listened to speeches on self confidence, motivation and leadership.

A total of 1,000 students from all over the United States were there. The students stayed at the Hyatt Hotel & Resort. They also attended a dance and saw a rocket launch from Cape Canaveral.

The biggest treat of all, however, was a tour of the Jacksonville Jaguars stadium which was arranged by Representative Terry Spicer.

The F.C.C.L.A. members arrived back on campus at around 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16.

Sports Editorial: The Tide is Rising

by Logan Leverett and Josh Richards

Nick Saban was forced to suspend or release certain players from the squad for disciplinary reasons. Despite all this, the Crimson Tide was still able to rebound with a 30-24 win over Colorado in the bowl season.

In the off-season, Saban picked up many valuable commitments, including Julio Jones, the nation's top high school wide receiver. Now, eleven weeks into the season the Alabama Crimson Tide is standing atop the BCS standings. It hasn't always been pretty, and not much can be said about the Tide's style points, but they have overcome adversity and have won when it counted.

Nick Saban is a big believer in finishing, so he will have the players ready for any obstacle they face. With a tough rivalry game against Auburn in the annual Iron Bowl, and a tough game against SEC east Champion Florida, the players must remain focused on their ultimate goal, which is to win the National Championship.

No matter how this season ends, though, one thing is for sure. Alabama is headed in the right direction. The younger players will only get better with experience, and they have seen that he is more than worth his weight in gold.

Loyal fans of the Crimson Tide who first criticized Nick Saban have seen that he is what the players need, and they have seen that he is more than worth his weight in gold.

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Meet the Journalism Staff

by Hannah Tew and Robby Thrash

This year's Zion Chapel Journalism staff has been working harder than ever to inform its students of local events. Zion's Journalism staff includes Courtney Rhodes, who is 16-years-old, and Lay-La Hussey who is 16-years-old as well.

Courtney loves hanging out with her friends, sitting by a fire, and riding four-wheelers. Her life goals are to graduate from college, get married and have kids.

Courtney loves Journalism because she gets to leave the classroom to do her assignments. She likes football and her favorite team in football is Alabama.

Lay-La Hussey enjoys oil painting and sketching both anime style and realistic like drawings. Her life goals are after high school she wants to attend a four year college to be a pharmacist, and as a side job she would like to be an art teacher.

LBWCC experiences enrollment boom

Whether it's the economy, new programs, or better recruiting, LBW Community College is seeing an enrollment boom. With enrollment steadily growing, LBWCC has set a record with over 1700 students enrolled in credit classes fall semester, reflecting a pattern that state officials have witnessed every time the economy spirals downward.

As families are squeezed by tough economic times, high school graduates are steered toward a community college education and away from a more expensive four-year university. Tuition remains extremely low at LBW Community College, \$1,080 per semester for 12 credit hours, less than half of the four-year university's charge.

To help students and their families, LBW Community College reacted quickly when fuel expenses increased by offering more online courses. More classes have been scheduled on a Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday format which gives our students an option to travel two days a week instead of three or four.

With recession shadowing the stock market, LBWCC remains optimistic about future enrollments. A recession leads to more "non-traditional" students, who are outside the tra-

Don't Forget to recycle



Lay-La Hussey and Courtney Rhodes

Lay-La would like to open up an art school when she retires from pharmacy. She is a great painter and a good drawer.

Lay-La likes journalism because she likes to know what is going on around her and mainly to be up to date. She also likes to voice her opinions.

Lay-La is an Alabama fan. She plays softball occasionally for sportsplex during the summer.

LBW Community College offers an affordable approach to help students meet their career goals through education and training focused on practical benefits.

Plan to join LBWCC for the spring semester and become a part of the next phase of the enrollment boom. Spring registration will be Jan. 6, 2009 on the Greenville and MacArthur Campuses and Jan. 7, 2009 on the Andalusia Campus and at the Lufkin Center.

The LBWCC Spring and Summer Class Schedules can be found on the college website at www.lbwcc.edu. For more information regarding LBWCC please contact: Jan Riley, Andalusia Campus at 334-881-2281, Kathy Lowery, Greenville Campus at 334-383-6701, Gail Grimes, MacArthur Campus at 334-493-5360, or Melissa Reeves, Lufkin Center at 334-335-2187.

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Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank looking for help with Holly Jolly Bags

The Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank is looking for volunteers and volunteer groups to decorate Holly Jolly bags for the December Brown Bag distribution.

This year's goal is to have 2,600 bags decorated and returned to the Food Bank before Dec. 11.

Holly Jolly bags are very important because the decorations, made with love, may be the only Christmas card seniors in

the program receive and are greatly anticipated each year. Bags are available at the Food Bank in bundles of 25 and 50.

Interested churches, clubs, schools, and civic groups can help by stopping by the Food Bank at 382 Twitchell Road to pick up a bundle of bags and return them decorated by Dec. 11. Food donations would be appreciated as well.

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Breakfast With SANTA

Saturday • Dec. 6th

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Hebron Baptist Church Activities Building

Tickets:

\$6.00 for Children (includes breakfast, activities and games)

Breakfast for Adults - \$4.00

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Head 2 Toe Salon or can be purchased at the door on Saturday!

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Dry Skin? Don't Let Winter Win

Dry winter air can cause your skin to crack, chafe, itch and develop dry patches, but there are a number of things you can do to protect your skin. During cold spells, your skin is constantly bombarded, dried out, and increasingly susceptible to infection.

Winter Skin Care Tips:

- Drink six to eight glasses of water a day, because when we're properly hydrated, our skin lubricates itself from the inside.
- Don't take long, hot showers. Instead, take shorter, warm showers. The steam and heat associated with long, hot showers can draw out moisture on the skin and cause dryness.
- Use lotions and creams to create a barrier that protects your skin against dryness. For best results, apply a product with ingredients such as shea butter and petrolatum immediately after a shower or bath, when your skin is still moist.
- Exfoliate regularly. This not only removes rough dry patches, but it promotes new cell growth and enhances the absorption of skin care products. Apply a moisturizer after exfoliating so that moisture brought to the surface doesn't immediately evaporate.
- Don't use harsh soaps or cleansers, which contain preservatives, fragrances and lye that can irritate skin. Instead, use products that contain glycerin, which traps and maintains moisture.
- Use a humidifier to counter the dry air created by furnaces and other heating devices. A humidifier in the bedroom can help combat dry skin.
- It's best to start taking care of your skin early in the winter, before dryness has a chance to set in. While we often neglect our skin, or only treat it for cosmetic reasons, it's important to remember that our skin is an organ, part of the body just like anything else, and requires constant care.

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During Coffee County Commission meeting New Brockton mayor requests county's help with wastewater treatment project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the meeting held Monday morning, Dec. 8, New Brockton officials requested assistance from the Coffee County Commission in regards to the town's wastewater treatment project.

New Brockton Mayor Lenwood Herron said the town recently was awarded a \$400,000 grant from A D E C A (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs) to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant.

The mayor added that he was at Monday's meeting to see how the two entities can work together so both can benefit from this project. He told commissioners there is time to work on it, and he will come back at a later date to see if or how much the commission can help.

In regards to business from the county engineer, commissioners voted Monday to give permission to send out bids for oils and lubricants. They also voted to approve a resolution authorizing the chairman to start negotiating with engineers for a waste energy project at the county landfill.

County administrator Kathy Lolley said the Zion Chapel Band Booster president Scott Hendrix attended a recent work session and requested commissioners waive the fee for use of the farm center for a concert held last Thursday night, Dec. 4, as a fund-

raiser event for the Zion Chapel band. Commissioners voted Monday to waive that fee.

Lolley also told commissioners the secretary of state is requiring various mailouts, and she recommended commissioners approve a motion designating the state as the agent to mailout for the county. This passed by a unanimous vote.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners voted to appoint Commissioner Dean Smith as vice chairman for the year. They also voted to make several board replacements in regards to the commission's representative on the respective boards/councils in need of the change.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 22, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Elba Rotary Club donates dictionaries to Elba Elementary third graders

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

On Friday, Dec. 5, the third grade classes of Elba Elementary School were given an early Christmas present by the Elba Rotary Club.

As part of their annual service project, Elba Rotary Club members donated dictionaries to each of the third graders at EES. Rotary Club President Tonya Jones, along with Asst. Governor of District 6880 Josh Wilson, was on hand to make the presentation.

Jones said the Malone Family Foundation of Alabama also sponsors the service project.

"Since it is Christmas, we decided to give each of you a gift," said Jones while speaking the group of students. "We hope you will be able to use these dictionaries at home and school. They are yours to keep."

Jones also explained to the students the Rotary Club's "Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say, or Do." She also spoke of the word ethics to the students and asked them to look up the definition of ethics in their new dictionaries.

After the presentation was made, the third graders all said a big "thank you" to also have been presented at Jones, Wilson, and the Elba New Brockton and Kinston

Japanese firm visits Elba's Dorsey Trailer facility

Hidiyaka Yamamoto, a representative of the Suzuki group is providing as the chance to introduce the Dorsey name to the Asian market.

In addition to insulated vans, Dorsey Trailer manufactures dry freight, electronics, and deep drop furniture vans, as well as, flat deck, drop deck, extendable and chip haul trailers.

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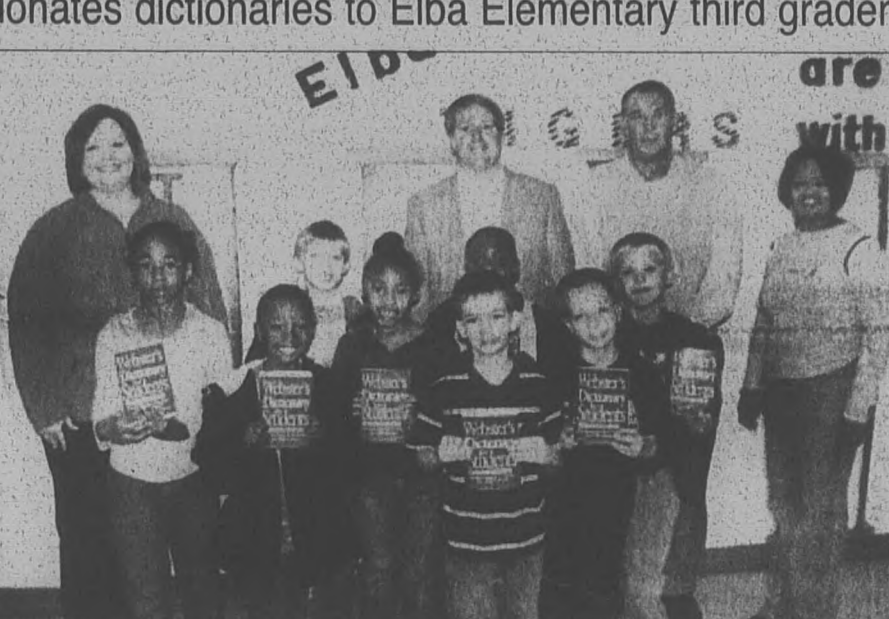
"After much research, we are confident that Dorsey Trailer can accommodate our needs in the manufacture of these specialized trailers," said Yamamoto. "We look forward to a long-term relationship with Dorsey."

The Suzuki Ag Cooperative transports vegetables and produce, as well as, beef and dairy products, throughout the Japanese islands. The group has revenues of over \$750,000,000 a year.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Dorsey to enter a new market where the possibilities are virtually endless," said David Dorsey, general manager of Dorsey Trailer. "We are



THE CHRISTMAS SEASON OFFICIALLY GOT UNDERWAY IN ELBA last week when the Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored the annual Elba Christmas Parade on Thursday, Dec. 4. From decorated floats to marching and equestrian units, there was plenty of holiday delight as the parade made its way through downtown Elba. As is custom for the Elba Christmas Parade, jolly St. Nick was escorted through town by the Elba Fire Department. Santa took his seat atop one of the department's fire trucks and waived to all the boys and girls as the firefighters threw candy to everyone. Additional photos from this year's parade can be found on Page 11.



Several Elba Elementary School third graders show off their new dictionaries as they pose for a picture with Elba Rotary Club representatives and school officials. Those pictured above include: Tonya Jones, Rotary Club President; Laken Cooks; Kira Starks; Zachary Cowart; Destiny Cole; Jeremiah Jordan; Josh Wilson, Asst. Governor - District 6880; Ethan Roper; Avery Webster; Tanner Herrington; Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks; and Elba Elementary School Principal LaKesha Brackins.

elementary schools and will be presented at Zion Chapel in the next week.

Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks said he appreciated the Elba Rotary Club donating the dictionaries for the students to use.



Josh Wilson, Elba Rotary Club member and Assistant Governor of District 6880, assists the third graders as they "look up" the definition for the word ethics in their new dictionaries during last Friday's presentation.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED: The annual Coffee County Salvation Army holiday fund drive will continue each Friday and Saturday through Saturday, Dec. 20. To volunteer to be a bell ringer in Elba, call Barbara Turner at 897-5202 or Kristy Hickman at 897-2090.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HRDC) IS PARTNERING with Toys for Tots for the Christmas season. Call HRDC at 347-0881 or 897-2657 for more information.

The passenger in the vehicle, Sabrina Johnson, age 30, of Level Plains, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana - second degree. He also was arrested on a failure to appear - outstanding charge.

Both suspects reportedly were transported to the Coffee County Jail to await bond.